

APPROVED Minutes of Amherst Fourth of July Committee Meeting Sunday,

June 27, 2021

4:00 p.m.

Attendees: Jennifer Eccleston*, Gretchen Pyles*, Peter Giannakoupolis*, Jim Janson, Katherine Lockwood, Christine Grayson, John Leary, Terri Behm, and George Coddington.

*Steering Committee Members

Call to order - Gretchen Pyles called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Minutes from June 6, 2021 Meeting – Katherine Lockwood moved to approve the minutes as drafted; Jennifer Eccleston seconded. The minutes passed unanimously.

Reverse Parade – Jennifer Eccleston started the discussion with a review of the groups participating and discussed parking for parade participants, which will be either by the Bean Fields or in the back parking lot of Souhegan. She mentioned that there is advertising at the dump and will be on the sign at Souhegan High School this week. The Lions Club will set up a stage to announce the Citizens of the Year for 2020 and 2021. Jen will contact DPW regarding chairs, sandwich boards for parking, a sign at Wilkins to advise of the location of the reverse parade, and a sign on Simeon Wilson regarding traffic. A custodian will be on duty at Souhegan on the 4th and the bathrooms by the stadium will be available. Committee members volunteered to come early to set up for the parade; George volunteered to fill up balloons to decorate the parade route; Jim will buy water and ice; Jen and Peter will bring coolers; Gretchen will purchase balloons to decorate the entrance; Greg, John and Emma will help with parking; Greg and Peter will help set up tents; Peter may rent patriotic costumes for a committee member to wear at the parade; Christine will hang the flag if the Fire Department cannot hang it on the ladder truck; Katherine will be our EMT and will be reachable by cell for any medical emergency; Jim has the milk can for the float award; and all committee members will be stationed around the parade route to keep traffic moving. We will email a map with locations of committee members. The parade will move forward rain or shine, but if the parade needs to be canceled due to thunder and lightning, notice will be on WMUR and our website.

Virtual Green - Gretchen Pyles stated that the virtual green is for the nonprofits that are usually on the green. Several groups have already submitted information and others intend to participate as well. We have advertised the website to the public. It is at www.amherstnh4th.org.

Mailbox/Yard Decoration Challenge - The committee has invited Amherst citizens to decorate their mailboxes/yards and provide their addresses so others in town can drive by to admire the decorations. Tammy Rafferty made a very creative advertisement for this fun event.

Adjournment - Gretchen Pyles moved to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer Eccleston seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at 5:29 p.m.